CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for providing workflow management of a supply chain,
2		comprising the steps of:
3	(a)	allowing businesses to engage in activities utilizing a network, wherein the
4		activities each include a plurality of steps;
5	(b)	updating at least one document for each activity upon completion of each of
6		the steps;
7	(c)	executing services to acquire information from users utilizing the network;
8		and
9	(d)	performing tasks to populate the document with the information gathered by
10		the execution of the services.
1	2.	The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the businesses are apparel
2		businesses.
1	3.	The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the document provides an audit
2		trail of the associated activity.
1	4.	The method as recited in claim 1, wherein only a single user can execute a
2		service at a time.
1	5.	The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the document is published after
2		the services are executed in order to allow the users to initiate the
3		performance of the tasks.

The method as recited in claim 1, wherein contracts exist between the steps of the activity, and further comprising the step of enforcing the completion of the steps utilizing the contracts.

comprising:

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1	7.	A computer program product for providing workflow management of a
2		supply chain, comprising:
3	(a)	computer code for allowing businesses to engage in activities utilizing a
4		network, wherein the activities each include a plurality of steps;
5	(b)	computer code for updating at least one document for each activity upon
6		completion of each of the steps;
7	(c)	computer code for executing services to acquire information from users
8		utilizing the network; and
9	(d)	computer code for performing tasks to populate the document with the
10		information gathered by the execution of the services.
1	8.	The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the businesses
2		are apparel businesses.
1	9.	The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the document
2		provides an audit trail of the associated activity.
1	10.	The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein only a single
2		user can execute a service at a time.
1	11.	The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the document
1	11.	is published after the services are executed in order to allow the users to
2		initiate the performance of the tasks.
3		initiate the performance of the tasks.
1	12.	The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein contracts exist
2		between the steps of the activity, and further comprising computer code for
3		enforcing the completion of the steps utilizing the contracts.
1	13	A system for providing workflow management of a supply chain

3	(a)	logic for allowing businesses to engage in activities utilizing a network,
4		wherein the activities each include a plurality of steps;
5	(b)	logic for updating at least one document for each activity upon completion of
6		each of the steps;
7	(c)	logic for executing services to acquire information from users utilizing the
8		network; and
9	(d)	logic for performing tasks to populate the document with the information
10		gathered by the execution of the services.
1	14.	The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the businesses are apparel
2		businesses.
1	15.	The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the document provides an audit
1	13.	trail of the associated activity.
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1	16.	The system as recited in claim 13, wherein only a single user can execute a
2		service at a time.
1	17.	The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the document is published after
2		the services are executed in order to allow the users to initiate the
3		performance of the tasks.
1	18.	The system as recited in claim 13, wherein contracts exist between the steps
2		of the activity, and further comprising logic for enforcing the completion of
3		the steps utilizing the contracts.